

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Application of: Lee  
Serial No. Not Yet Assigned - Divisional of U.S. Patent Application No. 09/553,230 and U.S.  
Patent Application Serial No. 09/377,284  
Filed: March 29, 1999 and April 19, 2000  
For: ULTRASONIC FORCE DIFFERENTIATION ASSAY

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Washington, D.C. 20231

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Sir:

In filing this divisional application, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**In the Specification:**

Page 1, after the title of the invention, insert the following new paragraph:

**CROSS REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATION**

This application is a divisional application of co-pending Patent Application Serial No. 09/553,230, filed April 19, 2000, which was a divisional of Patent Application Serial No. 09/377,284, filed on March 29, 1999, which issued as U.S. Patent No. 6,086,821 on July 11, 2000.

**In the claims:**

Please cancel claims 1-27.

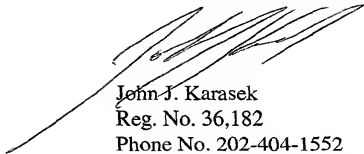
## REMARKS

This is a divisional application of co-pending application 09/553,230. Claims 28-37 remain in the present application.

In view of the foregoing, it is submitted that this application is now in condition for allowance.

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**VERSION WITH MARKINGS TO SHOW CHANGES MADE**

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